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Document FP1, EP 0 545 099 B1, is in the German language. What is believed to be an English language equivalent of document FP1 is listed as document US1.

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Document FP5, EP 0 591 699 A1, is in the German language. What is believed to be an English language equivalent of document FP5 is cited as document FP14 and submitted herewith.

Document FP13, DE 102 29 595 A1, is in the German language. What is believed to be an English language equivalent of document FP13 is listed as document US4.

Documents **FP11** and **FP12** were cited in a search report by a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application. Submission of an English language version of the search report that indicates the degree of relevance found by the foreign office is provided in satisfaction of the requirement for a concise explanation of relevance. 1138 OG 37, 38. The search report is attached as document **NPL1** on the IDS Form, PTO/SB/08B.

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